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## JURY DISAGREED IN DELONG CASE

Judge Cicco's mother is somewhat improved in health and he has been here all this week presiding over the court.

The case of Joe Delong, charged with the murder of Sol May, began Monday. The jury got the case just before noon Wednesday, and about 3:30 reported that they could not agree. The judge sent them back to their room with the request that they make an earnest effort to reach a verdict.

Thursday morning they reported a hopeless disagreement and were discharged. It was said they stood 5 for conviction and 7 for acquittal.

The next case tried was that against Wm. Workman, charged with defacing the brand on saw logs. The Nigh lumber company is alleged to have owned the logs in question. He was acquitted.

The following fines have been insisted at the present term, in addition to the Zirkles case reported last week:

Andy Chapman fined \$25 for killing property.

Fardin Martin and Daniel Hall each fined \$5 for cutting timber.

Charley Webb \$50 for giving spirits to minor.

Walter Gallion \$25 for disturbing a congregation.

John G. Bryant \$5 for hunting on Sunday.

Fred Kitchen \$25 for disturbing a congregation.

Henry Sammons \$5 for maintaining a nuisance in the form of a slaughter-house.

Charley Waldeck, breach of peace, \$25.

Buster Davis \$5 for assault and battery.

Willie Davis \$2.50 for giving cigarettes to a minor.

Lon Swin \$5 for breach of peace.

Walter Cain \$20 for breach of peace.

Andrew Adkins, flourishing a weapon, \$50.

Fernando Meek \$5 for assault and battery.

Ine Price \$5 for hunting on Sunday.

Mat Rowe, fornication, \$25.

Tug Fletcher \$25 for petit larceny.

Marvin Curmiste, assault and battery and disturbing congregation \$50 each.

## The Lawrence County Board of Agriculture

On Wednesday, February 12th, a meeting was called by the County Agent of all the leading farmers of the county for the purpose of organizing a Lawrence County Board of Agriculture. This Board met in the city hall of Louisa at one p. m. and after a thorough discussion of the subject and on motion of Mr. W. J. Vaughan, it was unanimously voted that we organize a County Board of Agriculture, which was accordingly done, with the following men as officers: J. G. Burns, President; Lee Garred, Vice President; and W. H. Vaughan, Secretary.

There followed some very lively and interesting discussion of the need and possibilities of such an organization. It was very forcibly illustrated by Mr. Dave Elwick, of Estep, by an example in his district, namely, cooperative shipping of cream. There are ten families shipping cream once a week. If each person takes his cream to market that means ten days' work and the work of ten horses or other appliances. With a little forethought it can be organized and one person takes in ten cans of cream, thereby saving nine trips to the station. This can be alternated or one person can be hired to act all the time.

Much thought was given the dairying interest as it is believed by many to be the coming industry of Lawrence county, due to the fact that we are ideally located as to markets, conditions, and environment, and also that there is always a good demand and price for dairy products.

Mr. Ralph Morgan and Mr. F. N. Barrett, of Lexington, were present and offered many helpful suggestions as well as explaining how other boards are serving their people and are proving of invaluable assistance to the organized effort of the farmers.

It was decided to appoint four leading committees on the following subjects: A committee on Demonstrating Dairying; Feeding Livestock; the Use of Legumes in the Rotation; and one as Club Work.

However, these committees were not appointed, but were postponed until our next meeting, March 1st, at 1 p. m.

The following men were present: J. W. Akers, J. B. Clayton, David Elwick, Charley Stuart, George McGuire, Malcolm Burgess, Lee Garred, J. G. Burns, W. J. Vaughan, W. H. Vaughan, Tom Branham, Ralph Morgan and F. N. Barrett, of Lexington, and B. A. Hensley, County Agent of Johnson county.

We cordially invite every thoughtful progressive and energetic farmer to attend our meeting in Louisa on March 1st, and believe he will be fully paid for time given.

W. H. VAUGHAN, Secretary.

Miss Hattie Carter and Mrs. O. C. Atkins left last Sunday for Cincinnati. They will spend two weeks there studying the new styles in millinery and making purchases in that line for the G. J. Carter department store of this city.

REV. JOHN MARTIN.

This venerable minister is reported to be hopelessly ill at the home of his daughter in Huntington.

## NEW LIBERTY LOAN CHAIRMAN FOR LAWRENCE CO.

A new chairman will direct the next Liberty loan drive in Lawrence county, as M. F. Conley resigned some time ago. Having served in the four campaigns preceding this, he insists that someone else be given the opportunity to lead in this drive.

The Victory Liberty Loan campaign will start some time in April, the exact date to be announced later. The amount will be about as large as the fourth loan. The rate of interest will be five per cent and the time of maturity will be five years or less.

LOCATES IN CHARLESTON.

Lieut. J. W. Dixon, who recently returned from a camp in Texas, has located in Charleston, W. Va., where he will practice dentistry. Mrs. Dixon is at the home of her mother, Mrs. Gearhart in this city and will join him there later.

Dr. Dixon is a young man of fine character and well equipped in his profession. He enlisted in the army when the United States entered the war and served as a dentist until honorably discharged a short time ago. We commend him to the people of Charleston as worthy of their confidence and patronage.

JOHN E. BUCKINGHAM SICK.

Mr. John E. Buckingham became sick while in New York last week and before reaching his home at Paintsville was in a serious condition. He is now improving, however, and is thought to be out of danger.

WILL CAIN ILL.

W. T. Cain, Jr. arrived home a few days ago from Camp Dix, N. J., and has been quite sick with influenza at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cain in this city.

CREDIT GUIDE TO  
BE COMPILED HERE

A credit experience guide, covering Louisa, Big Sandy and adjoining counties has met with a warm reception and a hearty welcome by local merchants. W. E. Henry, representative of the Merchants' Mercantile Agency of Pittsburgh is compiling the guide in co-operation with the newly organized Business Men's Association.

Individual merchants have investigated the matter and several of them have voluntarily spoken high praise for the system.

The credit experience guide will be a compendium of the persons of the district it covers who get credit. The reliability and the promptness of each person in settling his or her debts will be recorded as it is known to merchants who have credit dealings with him or her.

Every line of business and profession will be consulted in gathering the data for the book. The information about each person will tell how he or she pays the creditor, grocer, furniture man, doctor, lawyer, butcher, baker, candlestick maker, and all business concerns and professional men.

It is expected that at least thirty Louisa and Fort Gay, business and professional men will join in the movement. The books will be ready for delivery within three months, approximately.

The system has been in use for the last twenty-six years, and is considered by many leading business men of other cities to be a perfect one. Those who have been approached believe that it will work satisfactorily here. A book will be issued every two years. Each firm and individual will be put in the record as to the number of places in which he trades, how much credit he obtains and how he pays each firm with whom he trades, being rated according to his promptness in settling accounts, as "prompt pay," "fair pay," "slow pay" and "no pay."

Persons who pay one or two merchants in order to use them as references to obtain credit elsewhere and then fail to pay other merchants form the class who are responsible for the greatest losses in the business world.

The object of the system to be introduced here is to show up such persons in their true light, making it necessary for them to pay cash, thus reducing the losses from credit.

"What the trading public should insist upon," said Mr. Henry, in going over some of the advantages to be derived from the use of his company's methods, "is that their merchants give them a rating, so that when they ask for credit all that is necessary is to refer to the guide."

"There are many persons who are not intentionally slow in paying their accounts, but are neglectful, and when they understand that they must be rated they will endeavor to secure the best rating possible and will become more prompt in settling their accounts."

Persons moving from one state to another or from one county will be followed by special reports which will show if they are good or bad risks, and for what amounts they may be credited.

Supplements to the guide are issued every ninety days in the form of a secretary's report and the rating book is thus kept up to date.

Each subscriber will be furnished with letters to be sent to delinquent debtors that may appear upon his books, giving them notice to adjust their accounts, in order that all may have an opportunity to pay up their indebtedness and no injustice be done.

In Ashland, Catlettsburg and Paintsville similar results have been accomplished and the work will be started in Pikeville this week.

## LESLIE HILL DIES IN LOUISVILLE

A telegram was received Thursday morning bringing the sad news of the death of Leslie Hill, which occurred at 11 o'clock Wednesday night. His father, C. C. Hill, of this place, reached his bedside at 8 p. m., but he was unconscious.

Influenza, followed by pneumonia, was the cause of his death. While the funeral arrangements had not been announced when the NEWS went to press, it is probable the burial will take place in Louisville. Leslie's wife is a native of that place and he had relatives there. It was the home of his father and grandfather for many years.

Leslie spent the greater part of his boyhood in Louisa. He was in the navy for a time and later entered newspaper work in Louisville. In this line he won promotion rapidly and was soon in charge of the Associated Press office there, a very responsible position which he held at the time of his death.

He was Mr. Hill's only son and child. Leslie was 31 years old. He leaves a wife, but no children. He was a young man of integrity and good morals, and enjoyed the respect and confidence of all who knew him. The sincerest sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Hill.

FROM OVERSEAS.

Price Huff has been at Louisa on furlough, visiting his father, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Huff. He enlisted in the Coast Artillery two years ago and has nearly a year of his enlistment yet to serve. He was in the railroad artillery in France from May until December, 1918, and had some thrilling experiences.

ENTERTAIN CLASS.

On last Friday evening Misses Anna Mary Miller and Katherine Carey gave a Washington birthday party at the former's home in honor of Miss Sallie Gearhart's Sunday school class, of which they are members. About thirty were present and spent the evening at games and contests. The boys and girls were masked which created much merriment. Ice cream and cake were served.

LADIES, A WORD  
ABOUT SPRING SUITS

On March 21 and 22 a representative of a large manufacturer will be at my store with a big line of the latest spring suits and coats for ladies, at prices that save you the middleman's profits. G. J. CARTER.

P. A. Welch of Mayeville, was here this week, visiting his father, Peter Welch. Mr. Welch is with the Bates & Rogers Construction company. This is his first visit to home folks since 1913 when he moved from Potter, this county.

Miss Esther Bostwick, who was visiting Rev. W. H. Davenport's family in Ashland became very ill and was taken to a hospital there. She had not entirely recovered from influenza when she went to Ashland and bronchial pneumonia developed.

BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION FORMED

At the city hall Monday night the Business Men's Association was organized with the following officers:

W. E. Queen, president, O. C. Atkins vice president, C. B. Wellman secretary-treasurer.

Executive Board, C. B. Bromley, A. M. Hughes, G. J. Carter, J. B. Crutcher, R. C. Burton.

Committee on by-laws, M. F. Conley, R. L. Vinson and C. F. Fee.

Mr. Henry, of the Merchants' Mercantile Agency, was present and offered some good suggestions. It is intended to make this a live body, working for the growth of Louisa. More facts will be given about the plans later on. Let everybody help boost. This organization will do the part.

RETURNED SOLDIERS  
TO BE BANQUETED  
HERE MAY TENTH

At a meeting of the Red Cross executive committee and the Home Service section Tuesday night it was decided to give a banquet to returned Lawrence county soldiers at noon of Saturday, May 10 in Louisa.

On the same day, in conjunction with the Y. M. C. A., there will be a program running through the morning and afternoon, with speeches on subjects of interest to the returning soldiers and sailors, their future and their welfare.

The program and arrangements are to be made up and carried out by the Civilian Relief committee, of which Mrs. G. R. Vinson is chairman.

Full particulars will be published later.

A committee was appointed to consider the question of whether or not the Red Cross Chapter shall continue to function. The report will be made at the meeting on March 18. The committee consists of Rev. H. O. Chambers, Prof. E. M. Kennison and M. F. Conley.

## WEST VIRGINIA GOVERNOR VETOS MORE BILLS

Gov. Cornwell has vetoed the horse racing law, the special bridge levy bill, the act increasing Circuit Judges salaries, and the special appropriations measure.

TAX HEARINGS.

March 4 is set by the State Tax Commission for hearings at Frankfort of representatives of the following counties concerning tax increases: Floyd, Greenup, Martin and Johnson.

CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT.

There has been a change recently in the position of field manager for the Ohio Fuel Oil company in this territory. E. L. Keller has succeeded Mr. Lockhart. Land owners are hoping for more drilling this year than ever before.

AGED COLORED MAN DIES.

Reuben Mayo, colored, died a few days ago at the home of his son in Charleston, W. Va. He lived in Louisa several years. His age was probably between ninety and one hundred years. As a slave he belonged to Lewis Mayo, of Paintsville, father of Mrs. Cynthia Stewart of this city.

SHOWING OF OIL.

The well just completed on E. E. Shannon's land between Gallup and Clifford has a showing of oil. After shooting it is believed the well will produce enough to pay.

WM. WELLMAN DIES.

The funeral of Wm. N. Wellman was held at Ft. Gay, W. Va., last Monday. His death occurred at the home of his son at Hubbardstown. Burial took place at Ft. Gay. He was an uncle of Lacey Wellman of the First National Bank of this city.

PRESIDENT WILSON  
RETURNS HOME

One of the greatest ovations ever given any man was that extended to President Wilson upon his arrival at Boston Monday. He made an address that thrilled the immense audience gathered there, and has brought the most favorable comment from the newspapers of the world. He proceeded to Washington that night and is working at top speed to clean up business requiring his attention, preparatory to returning to France.

ROCK PARTY.

Miss Ellen Hughes very delightfully entertained twenty guests at her home on Main-st., last Saturday evening. Rock was the game of the evening and was played progressively. The tally cards were hatchet shaped and the emblems of the day were also carried out in the refreshments which consisted of brick cream, cake and coffee.

FARM DEPARTMENT

By G. C. BAKER, County Agent.

Meeting of Agriculture Board.

The Lawrence County Board of Agriculture will meet in the City Hall of Louisa on March 1st, at 10 a. m., at which time we hope to perfect the organization and outline a system of work for the county, which will have for its chief aim the full support of the organized effort for every feature that tends to be for the betterment of conditions in our county, socially, morally, agriculturally and economically.

The following committees have been instituted and men chosen to compose them from the several parts of the county. A committee on Dairying; Beef Cattle Feeding and Sides; Hog Raising and one on Orchard and Truck Gardening. The men appointed to fill these committees have been notified by personal letter and are expected to be here at the meeting.

Prune Right Now.

March is perhaps the ideal month in which to prune fruit trees as it is such a short time before growth starts and the wounds begin to heal. Care must be used in pruning to make a nice smooth cut just as close to the lateral branch as possible. Do not use an ax to prune your fruit trees nor depend upon the mules to prune them. Both may do damage which it will take years for the tree to outgrow.

Mares Pay Best.

Numbers of Kentucky farmers use mules for practically all of their farm work. When mules and big strong mares sold for about the same price, the mule was probably a paying proposition on the farm. But today mules are selling sky-high while horse stock is very much cheaper. It will pay the farmer to sit down and figure on the basis of using good big mares. Having some fine mule colts as well as work out of the stock on the farm at the end of the season.

Don't Plant Poppies.

The above caution does not apply to the common garden poppy; but it does apply to the Flanders poppy. Rumor has it that many of the returning soldiers are bringing home with them seed of this plant because it grows on many of the battlefields abroad. In Europe it is a most troublesome weed. In America it might grow and spread even more rapidly than did the English sparrow. Don't plant the Flanders poppy.

## FATALLY INJURED BY C. AND O. TRAIN

Cleveland Hogston had both legs cut off by a passenger train at Shelbyville, Pike-co., Thursday of last week while walking on one of two parallel tracks. As usual, his attention was riveted on a freight train on the other track when the passenger train came up behind him. The unfortunate man was picked up by the train and brought to the hospital at Louisa, but he was dying when he reached here and lived only a short while. His mother accompanied him. He was about 30 years old and leaves a wife and child. When the accident happened he was on his way to get a doctor for his grandfather, who was quite sick. The body was shipped home Friday morning.

Removed to Hospital.

Mrs. Levy Clevenger, who was recently taken ill presumably of appendicitis, was removed to a hospital for an operation. She became much improved before her arrival at the hospital, it is said, and an operation was found to be unnecessary. Mrs. Clevenger's illness is a coincidence with that of Lon Clevenger. Mrs. Clevenger is the wife of Levy Clevenger, one of the new partners of the restaurant.

Visits the Cohens.

Private Max Stryk, of Camp Travis, is visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cohen, after being honorably discharged. Mr. Stryk has been in the service nearly a year. He left Heller to visit relatives at Grayson and from there he will go to Chicago where he has employment.

School Building Completed.

The new Heller graded school building is completed. The cost was \$10,000 it is said. The building is a very handsome, well equipped and comfortable one that the community is proud of. That it is a great blessing to have such a fine educational institution in Heller goes without saying. The school has an excellent faculty of teachers which deserves the full support of the community. The value of a school building was plainly shown by the large number who voted for the erection of the building.

L. H. Adams Recovers.

L. H. Adams has returned home from the Deaconess hospital feeling good after a serious case of typhoid fever. His friends are glad to see him back at Lookout, Ky., where he works in the capacity as mine foreman for the Edgewater Coal Company.

The Allegheny Mines Working in Full Blast.

The Manufacturers Coal & Coke Co., a subsidiary of the Peabody Coal company, whose plant here is said to be worth more than a million and a half dollars is working full time. It is said that they have enough coke orders to keep their plant in operation for the next two years. The company at present is giving employment to a multitude of men. Some of the other mines here are running slack, as low as three days a week. The living and working conditions at Allegheny are said to be unexcelled. The superintendent is highly efficient and well liked by his employees.

Commissary Building Completed and Occupied.

The Greenough Coal company has moved their commissary and offices from their old building into a fine first class three story brick building that cost many thousands of dollars to erect. This is a beautiful building and quite a revelation for Greenough to have such a structure in its midst. The company is making much more progress than heretofore known. Nice clean houses are provided for the miners, and health conditions are improved 100 per cent. Mr. Rich Wells is superintending the company very efficiently.

CASUALTY LIST

Wounded in Action.

Morton Osborn, of Lead, and Edward White, of Stonington, were wounded, degree undetermined.

Slightly Wounded.

Ernest Thompson, of Whitesport, and Preston Gilliam, of Jenkins, were wounded slightly.

Wm. B. Burke, of Prestonsburg, was wounded slightly. Also Haden Williams, of Ashland, and Wm. T. Epling, of Regina.

Wounded in Action.

Lieut. Ollie B. White, of Lykins, McGuffin-co., was wounded severely.

Wounded Slightly.

Alexander Vanderpool, of Goodies, Floyd-co., was wounded slightly. Also, Ver Compton, of Belcher, Pike-co., and John Dowling, Ashland.

Pike Man Wounded.

Miles E. Owens, of Belcher, previously reported missing, was wounded.

Wounded in Action.

Pearl Vanhorn, of Adeline, was wounded, degree undetermined. Nancy Melvin, of Paintsville, was wounded slightly.

Wounded in Action.

John E. Young, of Shelbyville, and Wm. H. Lee, of Varney, were wounded slightly.

Wounded in Action.

Frank Collins, of Wayland, and Ray Pennington, of Grayson, were wounded slightly.

Barney Scott, of Gularre, Pike-co., died of disease.

Melvin Ward, of Davisport, was wounded slightly.

Wounded in Action.

Robt. L. Patrick, of Dingus, Abe Shepherd, of Goodies, Jack McGuire, of Water Gap, Marion Ward, of Zaca, Thomas Blackburn, of Gularre, and Walter Maynard, are among these wounded slightly.

Taken to Hospital By Special Train.

Lon Clevenger, member of the firm of Clevenger Brothers, was stricken